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(54) 【発明の名称】 水索発生方法

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(57)【特許請求の範囲】

【請求項1】 陽イオン交換膜の対向する両面に1対の 電極を設け、一方に設けられた触媒を含む電極に、メタ ノールと水を少なくとも含む燃料を接触させ、

前記1対の電極に電圧を印加して前記電極から電子を取出すことによって前記電極上で前記メタノールおよび水から水素イオンを発生させる反応を進行させ、

【発明の詳細な説明】

[0001]

【産業上の利用分野】本発明は<u>電気化学装置を用いた水素発生方法に関する。</u>

[0002]

【従来の技術】従来より、炭化水素燃料から水素を発生 させるための装置として、リフォーマがある。

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【0003】リフォーマにおいて行なわれる氷素発生方法には、原料ガスに水蒸気を加えて原料炭化水素を水素、一酸化炭素および二酸化炭素に変換させる水蒸気改質法と、原料炭化水素の一部を燃焼させて水素、一酸化炭素および二酸化炭素を得る部分酸化法(部分燃焼法)とがある。

【0004】炭化水素を一般にC。H。で表わせば、水蒸気改質法において起こる反応を [化1]、部分酸化法において起こる反応を [化2] にそれぞれ示すことができる。

[0005]

【化1】

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$$C_nH_m + nH_2O \rightarrow nCO + (n+m/2)H_2$$

[0006] 【化2】 $C_nH_m + nO_2 \rightarrow nCO + m/2H_2$

【0007】これらの反応において、一酸化炭素の一部 は次に示す反応を起とし、これらの反応は平衡を保って 進行する。

[0008]

【化3】

 $CO + H_2O \Longrightarrow CO_2 + H_2$

[0009]

【化4】

 $CH_3OH + nH_2O$ \rightarrow (1-n)CO + nH₂O + nCO₂ + (2+n)H₂ (0 < n < 1)

【0013】との反応は、0~20kg/cm²の圧 力、200~600℃の温度に設定することが好ましい とされている。

[0014]

【発明が解決しようとする課題】上述した反応を行なっ た後、リフォーマを出るガス中には、かなりの濃度の一 酸化炭素が含まれている。

【0015】このため、ガス漏れが万一発生した場合、 一酸化炭素中毒の危険が伴う。また、リフォーマを出る ガスを触媒反応に用いる際、このガス中に含まれる一酸 化炭素が触媒を被毒し、正常な反応を妨げる場合があ る。

【0016】そとで、一酸化炭素の残存量を低くするた め、[化3]の反応を右に押し進めるべく、一酸化炭素 転化器という装置が用いられる。一酸化炭素転化器で は、発熱反応である[化3]の反応を押し進めるため に、まず350℃~370℃程度に反応温度を設定し、 反応速度を高めるため鉄ークロム系などの触媒を用い て、いわゆる高温転化(Hot Shift)を行な い、さらに、銅-亜鉛系の触媒を用いて、200~23 せる。これにより一酸化炭素濃度を減少させることがで きる。

【0017】燃料がアルコールの場合は、この改質反応 の後、改質ガスのCOをさらに低減するため、COシフ ト触媒が用いられる。COシフト処理では、COがH。 Oとの反応により1%程度の濃度にまで低減される。ま た、さらにCO渡度を引き下げるためには、第2のCO 低減装置によって、改質ガスをさらに空気と反応させる ことにより、100ppmまで低減が可能である。しか し、このような方法では、装置が複雑になり、髙温を要 50 む合金等を用いることができる。

【0010】 [化1]は吸熱反応で、他の反応は発熱反 応である。したがって、〔化1〕の反応では外部から加 熱する必要があり、通常、ニッケル系の触媒を充填した 耐熱金属製の反応管で、温度800℃~900℃におい て反応が行なわれる。一方、このような温度では、〔化 3]および[化4]の反応はあまり右側に進行せず、た

 $CO + 3H_2 \rightleftharpoons CH_4 + H_2O$

とえば850℃での反応の場合、二酸化炭素の濃度は1

【0011】また、炭化水素の代わりにアルコールの一 種であるメタノールを用いた場合は、水と次式のような 反応で改質が進行する。

[0012]

[化5] *

20 するなどという問題がある。

【0018】本発明の目的は、上記のような複雑なフロ ーシステムを用いず、燃料から、一酸化炭素をほとんど 発生させずに水素ガスを生成できる方法を提供すること にある。

【0019】本発明のさらなる目的は、メタノールおよ び水を含む燃料から、電気化学的に一酸化炭素をほとん ど発生させずに、水素を生成できる方法を提供すること にある。

[0020]

30 【課題を解決するための手段】本発明に使用する電気化 学装置は、対向する1対の表面を有する陽イオン交換膜 と、陽イオン交換膜の対向する1対の表面にそれぞれ設 けられ、触媒を含む材料からなる 1 対の電極と、 1 対の 電極の一方に燃料を供給するための燃料供給手段とを備 える。本発明に使用する電気化学装置では、燃料を供給 される一方の電極において、燃料から陽イオンを発生さ せ、発生された陽イオンを陽イオン交換膜を介して1対 の電極の他方上で電子供給により分子に変換させる。

【0021】本発明において、陽イオン交換膜は、陽イ 0℃程度で低温転化(Cold Shift)を行なわ 40 オンを選択的に透過させるものであれば特に限定される ものではない。陽イオン交換膜として、固体高分子電解 **質膜、リン酸を含むマトリックスからなる膜、硫酸を含** むマトリックスからなる膜、固体電解質よりなる膜など を挙げることができる。また、陽イオン交換基として、 スルホン酸、ホスホン酸、硫酸エステル、リン酸エステ ルなどを有するイオン交換膜を用いることができる。 【0022】本発明において、電極に含有される触媒に は、白金、パラジウム、ロジウム、ルテニウム、金、イ リジウムおよびこれらの元素の少なくともいずれかを含

【0023】1対の電極は、白金、パラジウム、ロジウ ム、ルテニウム、金、イリジウムおよびこれらの元素の 少なくともいずれかを含む合金等の触媒材料自体から形 成してもよいし、導電性のカーボン電極等に触媒材料を 担持させたもの等から形成してもよい。

【0024】本発明に従う電極は、たとえば、陽イオン 交換膜の膜表面の多孔構造内に、電極材料を析出させる ことによって形成することができる。その他、本発明に 従う電極は、導電性電極基材に触媒材料を電解または無 電解メッキすること等により形成することができる。

【0025】本発明に使用する装置において、燃料供給 手段は、たとえば、電極の一方に燃料を接触させるた め、燃料を収容する容器もしくは槽、該容器もしくは槽 に燃料を所定の圧力で送り込むためのポンプ等を備える ことができるが、これらに限定されず、電極に燃料を供 給する機構であれば、いかなるものを用いるとともでき る。

【0026】本発明に使用する装置において、燃料には 少なくともメタノールおよび水を含むものを用い、一方 させることができる。このような装置において、電極に 含まれる触媒として、白金、パラジウム、ロジウム、ル テニウム、金、イリジウムおよびこれらの元素の少なく ともいずれかを含む合金等が好ましく用いられる。

【0027】また、上述した水素を発生させる装置にお いて、他方の電極側に、水素を選択的に透過させるとと ができる材料からなる膜を設けることができる。このよ うな膜は、水素透過膜として名づけることができ、水素 分子の透過率が、他の物質の透過率に比べて髙いもので ある。とのような膜として、たとえば、ポリイミド、ポ 30 【化7】 $6 \text{ H}^4 + 6 \text{ e}^- \rightarrow 3 \text{ H}_2$ リスチレン等の高分子からなる膜、Pd合金からなる 膜、Ti系、Mm系(Mmはミッシュメタルを示す)、 La系、Mg系等の水素吸蔵合金などからなる膜を用い ることができる。

【0028】また、上述した装置により水素を発生する 方法を提供することができ、この方法は、陽イオン交換 膜の対向する両面に 1 対の電極を設け、一方に設けられ た触媒を含む電極に、メタノールと水を少なくとも含む 燃料を接触させ、1対の電極に電圧を印加して電極から 電子を取り出すことによって電極上でメタノールおよび 40 水から水素イオンを発生させる反応を進行させ、発生さ 世た水素イオンを陽イオン交換膜の対向する 1 対の面の 他方に設けられた電極において、電子の供給により水素 分子に変換することを特徴とする。

[0029]

【作用】本発明の作用機構を図を用いて以下に説明す る。

【0030】図1は、本発明に従う電気化学装置の一例 を示す模式図である。電気化学装置100において、た とえば、固体高分子電解質膜からなる陽イオン交換膜1 50 質の白金触媒層を形成し、1対の電極とした。

01の両側には、白金触媒をそれぞれ担持させた燃料用 電極102および対向電極103が設けられる。

【0031】とのような陽イオン交換膜と1対の電極か らなる接合体は、たとえば、セパレータ106と107 の間に挟むことができる。燃料用電極102側のセパレ ータには、燃料供給用兼CO, 排出用溝108a~eが さらに形成され、対向電極103側のセパレータ107 には、水素排出用溝 1 0 9 a ~ e がさらに形成されてい る。

10 【0032】燃料用電極102には、燃料を液体または 気体の状態で燃料供給用兼CO、排出用溝108a~e に通過させることにより、燃料が供給され、かつ電極に 接触される。

【0033】燃料用電極102と対向電極103は、セ ・パレータ106および107をそれぞれ介して、外部回 路104に電気的に接続される。両電極の間には、電圧 が印加され、燃料用電極102側がプラス、対向電極1 03側がマイナスとされる。

【0034】上述した装置において、燃料用電極102 の電極から水素イオン、他方の電極から水素分子を発生 20 に燃料であるメタノールとともに水または水蒸気を供給 し、外部回路104を通じて、燃料用電極102から電 子を引き抜くように電圧を印加する。その結果、燃料用 電極102では、次の反応が進行する。

[0035]

【化6】CH,OH+2H,O→CO,+6e⁻+6H⁻ 【0036】とのようにして発生した水素イオンは、陽 イオン交換膜を通過し、対向電極103で次のように変 換される。

[0037]

【0038】とのようなプロセスにより、対向電極10 3側で、水素を選択的に生成させることができる。した がって、本発明のプロセスによれば、COの生成は抑制 される。

【0039】また、対向電極で生じたガスを、上述した 水素透過膜を介して採集すれば、水蒸気や他の不純物の 濃度を低下させ、純度の高い水素ガスを得ることができ る。

[0040]

【実施例】

実施例 1

図1に示す装置を用いて水素ガスを製造した。

【0041】本実施例において、電極は次のようにして 形成した。固体高分子電解質膜からなる陽イオン交換膜 として、NAFION117° (デュポン社製)を用い た。金属塩として、3%塩化白金酸液、還元剤として1 %NaBH、溶液を用い、陽イオン交換膜に還元剤を浸 透させた後、膜表面を塩化白金酸溶液に接触させて、白 金層を析出させた。この方法により、膜の両面に、多孔

【0042】 このように膜の両側に電極が形成された接合体を組込んだ図1の装置において、燃料用電極102側に、モル比がメタノール:水=1:2のメタノールー水混合液を供給し、接合体からなるセルの温度を30℃に設定した。そして、燃料用電極102側をプラスとし、燃料用電極102と対向電極103の間に0.2 Vの電圧を加えたところ、1.0mA/cm²の電流が流れ、燃料用電極102からCO,が、対向電極103から水素ガスが発生した。発生した水素中には一酸化炭素は検出されなかった。

-【0043】実施例2

実施例1の装置において、対向電極上に水素透過膜としてポリイミド高分子膜を設け、この膜を介して水素を採集した。実施例1と同様な条件にて、燃料用電極と対向電極の間に0.2 Vの電圧を印加したところ、1.0 m A/c m²の電流が流れ、燃料用電極からCO,が、対向電極から水素ガスが発生した。ポリイミド高分子膜を介して採集された水素中には、一酸化炭素は検出されなかった。

[0044]

* 【発明の効果】以上説明したように、本発明によれば、 従来のような複雑な反応系およびフローシステムは必要 でなく、非常にシンプルな装置によって、純度の高い水 素を生成させることができる。本発明によれば、CO等 の不純物の生成は抑制される。

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【0045】 このため、一酸化炭素による中毒の危険が 回避されるとともに、生成される水素ガスについて、触 媒の被毒による化学反応性の低下も防止される。

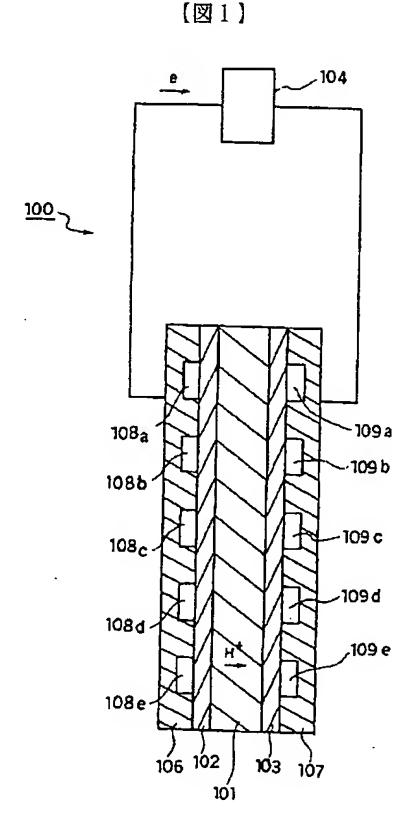
【図面の簡単な説明】

10 【図1】本発明に従う電気化学装置の一具体例を示す概略断面図である。

【符号の説明】

- 100 電気化学装置
- 101 陽イオン交換膜
- 102 燃料用電極
- 103 対向電極
- 104 外部回路
- 106 セパレータ
- 107 セパレータ

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TECHNICAL FIELD

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DETAILED DESCRIPTION

[Detailed Description of the Invention]

[0001]

[Industrial Application] This invention relates to the hydrogen generating approach of having used electrochemistry equipment.

[0002]

[Description of the Prior Art] Conventionally, there is a reformer as equipment for generating hydrogen from a hydrocarbon fuel.

[0003] There are a steam reforming process which a steam is added [steam reforming process] to material gas and transforms coal-for-coke-making-ized hydrogen to hydrogen, a carbon monoxide, and a carbon dioxide, and the partial oxidation method (partial combustion process) for burning a part of coal-for-coke-making-ized hydrogen and obtaining hydrogen, a carbon monoxide, and a carbon dioxide in the hydrogen generating approach performed in a reformer.

[0004] Generally it is Cn Hm about a hydrocarbon. If expressed, the reaction which occurs the reaction which occurs in a steam reforming process in [-izing 1] and a partial oxidation method can be shown in [-izing 2], respectively.

[0005]

[Formula 1] $C_nH_m + nH_2O \rightarrow nCO + (n+m/2)H_2$

[0006]

[Formula 2] $C_nH_m + nO_2 \rightarrow nCO + m/2H_2$

[0007] In these reactions, liftings and these reactions maintain a balance for the reaction which shows some carbon monoxides below, and it goes on.

[8000]

[Formula 3] $CO + H_2O \rightleftharpoons CO_2 + H_2$

[0009]

[Formula 4] $CO + 3H_2 \rightleftharpoons CH_4 + H_2O$

[0010] [-izing 1] is endothermic reaction and other reactions are exothermic reaction. Therefore, it is necessary to heat from the outside and a reaction is usually performed in the temperature of 800 degrees C - 900 degrees C by the coil of heat-resistant metal filled up with the catalyst of a nickel system at the reaction of [-izing 1]. On the other hand at such temperature, the reaction of [-izing 3] and [-izing 4] seldom advances on right-hand side, for example, in the case of a 850-degree C

reaction, the concentration of methane of the concentration of a carbon dioxide is 3 - 4% 13 to 14%.

[0011] Moreover, when the methanol which is a kind of alcohol instead of a hydrocarbon is used, reforming advances at a reaction like water and a degree type.

[0012]

[0013] This reaction is 0-20kg/cm². It is made desirable to set it as a pressure and the temperature of 200-600 degrees C.

[0014]

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] After performing the reaction mentioned above, the carbon monoxide of remarkable concentration is contained in the gas which comes out of a reformer.

[0015] For this reason, if gas leakage should occur, the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning follows. Moreover, in case the gas which comes out of a reformer is used for catalytic reaction, the carbon monoxide contained in this gas may carry out poisoning of the catalyst, and may bar a normal reaction.

[0016] Then, equipment called a carbon monoxide converter is used in order to make the amount of survival of a carbon monoxide low, and to push the reaction of [-izing 3] on the right. In order to push the reaction of the [-izing 3] which is exothermic reaction, reaction temperature is first set as 350 degrees C - about 370 degrees C, in order to raise a reaction rate, the so-called elevated-temperature inversion (Hot Shift) is performed using catalysts, such as an iron-chrome system, and low-temperature inversion (Cold Shift) is made to perform at about 200–230 degrees C further with a carbon monoxide converter using the catalyst of a copper-zinc system. Thereby, carbon monoxide concentration can be decreased.

[0017] When a fuel is alcohol, in order to reduce CO of reformed gas further, CO shift catalyst is used after this reforming reaction. In CO shift processing, CO is reduced by even about 1% of concentration by the reaction with H2 O. Furthermore, in order to reduce CO concentration, it can decrease to 100 ppm by making reformed gas react with air further with 2nd CO reduction equipment. However, by such approach, equipment becomes complicated and there is a problem of requiring an elevated temperature etc.

[0018] The purpose of this invention is to offer the approach of generating hydrogen gas from a fuel, without generating most carbon monoxides not using the above complicated flow systems.

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TECHNICAL PROBLEM

[Problem(s) to be Solved by the Invention] After performing the reaction mentioned above, the carbon monoxide of remarkable concentration is contained in the gas which comes out of a reformer.

[0015] For this reason, if gas leakage should occur, the risk of carbon monoxide poisoning follows. Moreover, in case the gas which comes out of a reformer is used for catalytic reaction, the carbon monoxide contained in this gas may carry out poisoning of the catalyst, and may bar a normal reaction.

[0016] Then, equipment called a carbon monoxide converter is used in order to make the amount of survival of a carbon monoxide low, and to push the reaction of [-izing 3] on the right. In order to push the reaction of the [-izing 3] which is exothermic reaction, reaction temperature is first set as 350 degrees C – about 370 degrees C, in order to raise a reaction rate, the so-called elevated-temperature inversion (Hot Shift) is performed using catalysts, such as an iron-chrome system, and low-temperature inversion (Cold Shift) is made to perform at about 200–230 degrees C further with a carbon monoxide converter using the catalyst of a copper-zinc system. Thereby, carbon monoxide concentration can be decreased.

[0017] When a fuel is alcohol, in order to reduce CO of reformed gas further, CO shift catalyst is used after this reforming reaction. In CO shift processing, CO is reduced by even about 1% of concentration by the reaction with H2 O. Furthermore, in order to reduce CO concentration, it can decrease to 100 ppm by making reformed gas react with air further with 2nd CO reduction equipment. However, by such approach, equipment becomes complicated and there is a problem of requiring an elevated temperature etc.

[0018] The purpose of this invention is to offer the approach of generating hydrogen gas from a fuel, without generating most carbon monoxides not using the above complicated flow systems.
[0019] The further purpose of this invention is from the fuel containing a methanol and water to offer the approach of generating hydrogen, without generating most carbon monoxides electrochemically.

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MEANS

[Means for Solving the Problem] The electrochemistry equipment used for this invention is formed in one pair of front faces on which the cation exchange membrane which has one pair of front faces which counter, and cation exchange membrane counter, respectively, and is equipped with the fuel-supply means for supplying a fuel to one side of one pair of electrodes which consist of ingredients including a catalyst, and one pair of electrodes. With the electrochemistry equipment used for this invention, the cation which is made to generate a cation and by which while a fuel is supplied was generated from the fuel in the electrode is transformed to a molecule by electronic supply on one pair of another side of an electrode through cation exchange membrane.

[0021] In this invention, cation exchange membrane will not be limited, especially if a cation is made to penetrate alternatively. As cation exchange membrane, the solid-state polyelectrolyte film, the film which consists of a matrix containing a phosphoric acid, the film which consists of a matrix containing a sulfuric acid, the film which consists of a solid electrolyte can be mentioned. Moreover, the ion exchange membrane which has a sulfonic acid, phosphonic acid, a sulfate, phosphoric ester, etc. can be used as a cation-exchange radical.

[0022] In this invention, the alloy of platinum, palladium, a rhodium, a ruthenium, gold, iridium, and these elements which contains either at least can be used for the catalyst contained in an electrode.

[0023] One pair of electrodes may be formed from the catalyst ingredient itself, such as an alloy of platinum, palladium, a rhodium, a ruthenium, gold, iridium, and these elements which contains either at least, and may be formed from the thing which made the conductive carbon electrode etc. support a catalyst ingredient.

[0024] The electrode according to this invention can be formed by depositing an electrode material in the porous structure on the front face of the film of cation exchange membrane. In addition, the electrode according to this invention can form a catalyst ingredient in a conductive electrode substrate electrolysis, by carrying out electroless deposition, etc.

[0025] In the equipment used for this invention, since a fuel is contacted to one side of an electrode, it can have a pump for sending a fuel into the container or tub which holds a fuel, this container, or a tub by the predetermined pressure etc., but a fuel-supply means is not limited to these, but if it is a device which supplies a fuel to an electrode, what kind of thing can also be used for it.

[0026] A fuel can be made to generate a hydrogen ion and the electrode of another side to a hydrogen content child from one electrode in the equipment used for this invention using what contains a methanol and water at least. In such equipment, the alloy of platinum, palladium, a rhodium, a ruthenium, gold, iridium, and these elements which contains either at least is preferably used as a catalyst included in an electrode.

[0027] Moreover, in the equipment made to generate the hydrogen mentioned above, the film which consists of an ingredient which can make hydrogen penetrate alternatively to the electrode side of

another side can be prepared. Such film can be named as a hydrogen permeable film, and its permeability of a hydrogen content child is high compared with the permeability of other matter. The film which consists of hydrogen storing metal alloys, such as the film which consists of macromolecules, such as polyimide and polystyrene, film which consists of a Pd alloy, Ti system, Mm system (Mm shows a misch metal), La system, and Mg system, etc. as such film can be used. [0028] The approach of generating hydrogen with the equipment mentioned above can be offered. Moreover, this approach To an electrode including the catalyst which prepared one pair of electrodes in both sides to which cation exchange membrane counters, and was prepared in one side The reaction which generates a hydrogen ion is advanced from a methanol and water on an electrode by contacting the fuel which contains a methanol and water at least, impressing an electrical potential difference to one pair of electrodes, and picking out an electron from an electrode. It is characterized by changing the generated hydrogen ion into a hydrogen content child by electronic supply in the electrode prepared in another side of one pair of fields where cation exchange membrane counters.

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OPERATION

[Function] The mechanism of action of this invention is explained below using drawing.
[0030] <u>Drawing 1</u> is the mimetic diagram showing an example of electrochemistry equipment according to this invention. In electrochemistry equipment 100, the electrode 102 for fuels and counterelectrode 103 which made the platinum catalyst support, respectively are prepared in the both sides of the cation exchange membrane 101 which consists of solid-state polyelectrolyte film.
[0031] The zygote which consists of such cation exchange membrane and one pair of electrodes can be inserted among separators 106 and 107. In the separator by the side of the electrode 102 for fuels, it is -cum- CO2 for fuel supply. Slot 108 a-e for discharge is formed further, and slot 109 a-e for hydrogen discharge is further formed in the separator 107 by the side of a counterelectrode 103.

[0032] In the electrode 102 for fuels, it is -cum- CO2 for fuel supply in the condition of a liquid or a gas about a fuel. By passing slot 108 a-e for discharge, a fuel is supplied and it is contacted by the electrode.

[0033] The electrode 102 for fuels and a counterelectrode 103 are electrically connected to an external circuit 104 respectively through separators 106 and 107. Between two electrodes, an electrical potential difference is impressed and a plus and counterelectrode 103 side is considered for the electrode 102 side for fuels as minus.

[0034] In the equipment mentioned above, water or a steam is supplied to the electrode 102 for fuels with the methanol which is a fuel, and through an external circuit 104, an electrical potential difference is impressed so that an electron may be drawn out from the electrode 102 for fuels. Consequently, the next reaction advances in the electrode 102 for fuels.

[0035]

[Formula 6] CH3OH+2H2 O->CO2+6e-+6H+[0036] Thus, the generated hydrogen ion passes cation exchange membrane, and is changed as follows with a counterelectrode 103. [0037]

[Formula 7] 6H++6e-->3H2[0038] Such a process can be made to generate hydrogen alternatively by the counterelectrode 103 side. Therefore, according to the process of this invention, generation of CO is controlled.

[0039] Moreover, if the gas produced with the counterelectrode is collected through the hydrogen permeable film mentioned above, the concentration of a steam or other impurities can be reduced and hydrogen gas with high purity can be obtained.

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was not detected in the generated hydrogen.

EXAMPLE

[Example]

electrodes.

Hydrogen gas was manufactured using the equipment shown in example 1 drawing 1. [0041] In this example, the electrode was formed as follows. NAFION117R (Du Pont make) was used as a cation exchange membrane which consists of solid-state polyelectrolyte film. As a metal salt, it is 1%NaBH4 as 3% chloroplatinic acid liquid and a reducing agent. After making a reducing agent permeate cation exchange membrane using a solution, the film front face was contacted in the chloroplatinic acid solution, and the platinum layer was deposited. By this approach, the porous

platinum catalyst layer was formed in membranous both sides, and it considered as one pair of

[0042] Thus, in the equipment of <u>drawing 1</u> incorporating the zygote with which the electrode was formed in membranous both sides, the mole ratio supplied the methanol-water mixed liquor of methanol:water =1:2, and set the temperature of the cel which consists of a zygote as 30 degrees C at the electrode 102 side for fuels. And when the electrode 102 side for fuels was considered as plus and the electrical potential difference of 0.2V was applied between the electrode 102 for fuels, and the counterelectrode 103, it is 1.0 mA/cm2. A current flows and it is CO2 from the electrode 102 for fuels. Hydrogen gas was generated from the counterelectrode 103. The carbon monoxide

[0043] In the equipment of example 2 example 1, the polyimide poly membrane was prepared as a hydrogen permeable film on the counterelectrode, and hydrogen was collected through this film. When the electrical potential difference of 0.2V was impressed between the electrode for fuels, and the counterelectrode on the same conditions as an example 1, it is 1.0 mA/cm2. A current flows and it is CO2 from the electrode for fuels. Hydrogen gas was generated from the counterelectrode. The carbon monoxide was not detected in the hydrogen collected through the polyimide poly membrane. [0044]

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EFFECT OF THE INVENTION

[Effect of the Invention] According to this invention, the complicated system of reaction and the complicated flow system like before cannot be required, and can make very simple equipment generate hydrogen with high purity, as explained above. According to this invention, generation of impurities, such as CO, is controlled.

[0045] For this reason, while the risk of the poisoning of carbon mono oxide is avoided, the fall of the chemical reactivity by poisoning of a catalyst is also prevented about the hydrogen gas generated.

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CLAIMS

(57) [Claim(s)]

[Claim 1] To an electrode including the catalyst which prepared one pair of electrodes in both sides to which cation exchange membrane counters, and was prepared in one side The reaction which generates a hydrogen ion is advanced from said methanol and water on said electrode by contacting the fuel which contains a methanol and water at least, impressing an electrical potential difference to said one pair of electrodes, and picking out an electron from said electrode. The hydrogen generating approach characterized by changing said generated hydrogen ion into a hydrogen content child by electronic supply in the electrode prepared in another side of one pair of fields where said cation exchange membrane counters.

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DESCRIPTION OF DRAWINGS

[Brief Description of the Drawings]

[Drawing 1] It is the outline sectional view showing one example of electrochemistry equipment of following this invention.

[Description of Notations]

- 100 Electrochemistry Equipment
- 101 Cation Exchange Membrane
- 102 Electrode for Fuels
- 103 Counterelectrode
- 104 External Circuit
- 106 Separator
- 107 Separator

Drawing selection drawing 1

